

German

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	Introduction to German Literature
Code	GRU11022
Semester	2
ECTS credits	5
Pre-requisite	None
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Module Content

This module introduces students to the study of German literature as an end in itself, as a means of gaining cultural knowledge of the German-speaking lands, and as a resource for improving linguistic competence. Students will read a rich and varied selection of German-language literary texts.

Aims

This module aims to develop reading skills in a range of literary text types; to introduce students to the terms and concepts of literary criticism; to build up general and specialist vocabulary.¹

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. read literary texts independently and comfortably in German²
2. offer nuanced and alert critical responses to German literary texts
3. demonstrate understanding of a range of -critical and theoretical approaches to the study of literature
4. use literary texts as a source of linguistic and cultural knowledge
5. identify key characteristics of different literary genres

6. write critical essays in which primary and secondary material is handled correctly

Assessment

Essay (25%)

2 hour exam: (75%)

¹ ab initio students will read the English translations of the module texts

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